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## APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTINUOUS REWORK FERMENTATION

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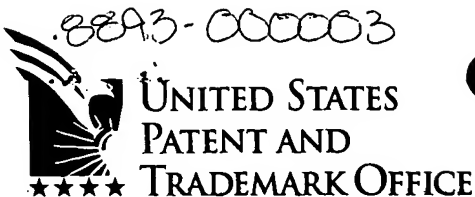
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Respectfully submitted,

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WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to as Assignor(s), has (have) invented:

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for which Assignor(s) is (are) about to make or has (have) made United States or International application for patent

- (a) ☐ executed on even date preparatory to filing (each inventor should sign this Assignment on the same day as he/she signs the Declaration and Power of Attorney);
- (b) ☐ executed on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; or
- (c) ☒ filed on March 23, 2001, and assigned Serial No. 09/815,472 or PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, and

WHEREAS, Shaffer Manufacturing Corporation, An Ohio Corporation, having a place of business at 2031 Commerce Drive, Sidney, Ohio, 45365, hereinafter referred to as Assignee(s), is (are) desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignor(s) by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee(s) and its successors in interest, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States, the Paris Convention, and any foreign countries, to the said invention as described in the aforesaid application, said application for patent and all Letters Patent therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee(s) to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor(s) had this assignment and sale not been made;

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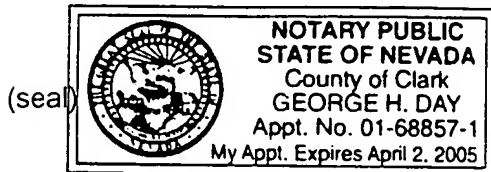
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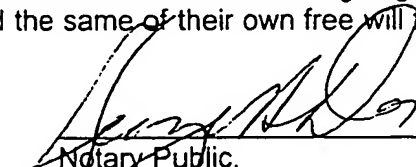


# ASSIGNMENT

  
David A. Goodmanson

On this 11 day of SEPT, 2001, before me personally appeared the foregoing individual, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will for the purposed therein set forth.



  
Notary Public,  
Clark County, State of NEVADA  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_